Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A method of providing multiple quality of service classes to subscribers in a network, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a subscriber's quality of service information by using a database containing quality of service information for each subscriber that has subscribed to one of the multiple quality of service classes; ~~and~~

storing the subscriber's quality of service information in a visitor location register where the subscriber is currently registered; and

using the subscriber's quality of service information stored in the visitor location register during a call setup to determine a call transmission quality for the subscriber.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the subscriber's quality of service information corresponds to a default quality of service class when the subscriber is not listed in the database.

4.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein each quality of service class provides a different transmission bandwidth.

5.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein each quality of service class provides a different call routing priority.

6.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein each quality of service class provides a different level of call security.

7.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a asynchronous transfer mode network.

8.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a mobile access network and the visitor location register is integrated in a mobile switching center.

9.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a satellite network and the visitor location register is integrated in a network control center.

10.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the subscriber accesses the network with a mobile terminal.

11.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the subscriber accesses the network through a fixed access terminal.

12.   (Currently Amended)   A method of providing multiple quality of service classes to subscribers in a network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an attach request at a visitor location register;

sending an update location request from the visitor location register to a database containing quality of service information for each subscriber that has subscribed to one of the multiple quality of service classes;

sending the update location request from the database to a home location register;

sending an update location result from the home location register to the database;

determining a subscriber's quality of service information using the database;

modifying the update location result to include the subscriber's quality of service information;

sending the modified update location result to the visitor location register; and

storing the subscriber's quality of service information in the visitor location register; and

using the subscriber's quality of service information stored in the visitor location register during a call setup to determine a call transmission quality for the subscriber.

13.   (Cancelled)

14.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 12, wherein the subscriber's quality of service information corresponds to a default quality of service class when the subscriber is not listed in the database.

15.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 12, wherein each quality of service class provides a different transmission bandwidth.

16.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 12, wherein each quality of service class provides a different call routing priority.

17.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 12, wherein each quality of service class provides a different level of call security.

18.   (Currently Amended)   A method of providing multiple quality of service classes to subscribers in a network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an attach request at a visitor location register;

sending an update location request from the visitor location register to a database containing quality of service information for each subscriber that has subscribed to one of the multiple quality of service classes;

determining a subscriber's quality of service information using the database;

sending a first message from the database to the visitor location register, wherein the first message contains the subscriber's quality of service information;

storing the subscriber's quality of service information in the visitor location register;

sending a second message from the visitor location register to the database, wherein the second message acknowledges receipt of the first message;

sending the update location request from the database to a home location register; and

sending the update location result to the visitor location register; and

using the subscriber's quality of service information stored in the visitor location register during a call setup to determine a call transmission quality for the subscriber.

19.   (Cancelled)

20.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 18, wherein the subscriber's quality of service information corresponds to a default quality of service class when the subscriber is not listed in the database.

21.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 18, wherein each quality of service class provides a different transmission bandwidth.

22.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 18, wherein each quality of service class provides a different call routing priority.

23.   (Original)   The method as recited in claim 18, wherein each quality of service class provides a different level of call security.

24 – 49. (Cancelled)